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During Nevada's 78th Legislative Session, a bill was passed (AB 482) that requires the Director of Nevada Department of Veterans Services to annually prepare a report that provides an analysis of the funding of programs and services for veterans in this state. This report fulfills this legislative requirement. This report includes:

- The amount and sources of money received by the Department for the provision of programs and services for veterans in this state
- A comprehensive overview of the budget of the Department; and
- The expenditures made from the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada, the Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada and the Gift Account for veterans established pursuant to NRS 417.145

The Nevada Department of Veterans Services receives funding from state, Federal, and County sources to serve and support veterans and their families. A complete and detailed agency report can be found on the Nevada's Legislature website at http://www.opengovernment.nv.gov/OpenGov/ViewHomePage.aep. This will populate the home page for Nevada Open Government. From here, click on "Legislatively Approved Budget". The default is the budget that was recently approved. Click on "Special Purpose Agencies", then on "Department of Veterans Services".

The following information is provided as a summary to the Legislature's more comprehensive report. The dollar amounts listed cover a two year period (State Fiscal Years 2016 and 2017).

Budget Account 2560, Nevada Department of Veterans Services (NDVS): \$7,515,327 Most of the money in this account (82%) is used to pay salaries of employees who perform veterans services, cemetery operations, and administrative functions. The remaining dollars are largely used for equipment and supplies that support NDVS operations. The approved budget for Budget Account 2560 included:

- 8 new positions to support mission expansion
- Maintenance and equipment replacement for Southern and Northern Nevada Veterans Memorial Cemeteries

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> Cost allocation plan to increase use of Federal funding for positions that support both the Nevada State Veterans Home activities and the Department's activities

Budget Account 2561, Nevada State Veterans Home (NSVH): \$51,450,939

All of the money in this account is used to pay for the care and support of residents living in the Nevada State Veterans Home, a skilled nursing facility in Boulder City, Nevada. The Home is <u>not</u> operated using Nevada general funds; Federal and private funds cover operating costs. The approved budget for Budget Account 2561 contained various enhancements for the Home, mostly dealing with quality of life and quality of care improvements for residents.

Budget Account 2563, Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Southern Nevada:

This budget account is the gift account established in NRS 417.145 for the Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City, NV. Money received in this account is from donations. This account may only be expended for:

- The establishment, management, maintenance and operation of the veterans' home
- A program or service related to a veterans' home
- The solicitation of other sources of money to fund a veterans' home; and
- The purpose of informing the public about issues concerning the establishment and uses of a veterans' home

The expenditures made from Budget Account 2563 for State Fiscal Year (SFY) 15 are:

- Resident Activities \$2,508
- Resident Morale \$2,832
- Veterans Olympic Program \$1,356
- Volunteer Program \$1,647

Budget Account 2565, Gift Account for the Veterans Home in Northern Nevada:

This budget account is the gift account established in NRS 417.145 for the Nevada State Veterans Home in Boulder City, NV. Money received in this account is from donations. This account may only be expended for:

- The establishment, management, maintenance and operation of the veterans' home
- A program or service related to a veterans' home
- The solicitation of other sources of money to fund a veterans' home; and
- The purpose of informing the public about issues concerning the establishment and uses of a veterans' home

There have been no expenditures made from Budget Account 2565 for SFY15.

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Budget Account 2564, Gift Account for Veterans for Veterans:

This budget account is the gift account established in NRS 417.145 for the support of outreach programs or services for veterans and their families, or both, as determined by the Director. The expenditures made from Budget Account 2564 for SFY 15 were:

- Always Lost State-Wide Traveling Veterans Memorial \$20,114
- Catholic War Vets Food/Housing Support Program, Las Vegas \$5,000
- Disabled American Veterans Transportation Program (vehicle) \$13,846
- Disabled Veteran Sports Program \$10,000
- Fisher House, Las Vegas \$5,000
- Green Zone / Nevada VetNet Web-Base Outreach Platform \$71,566
- Homeless Veteran Programs \$90,952
- Northern Nevada Veterans Home \$53,519
- NVA/VSO Online Training Program \$8,032
- POW/MIA/Suicide Prevention Events \$1,124
- Public Information Campaigns \$74,577
- Rural Outreach for Veterans Enrichment & Resources (ROVER) \$9,787
- VSO Services (contracted) for Special Rural Outreach Program \$16,509
- Student Outreach Program \$33,798
- Studies Supporting Veterans Programs and Services \$40,000
- Veterans Information Mobile Application \$2,669
- Veterans Guest House, Reno \$5,000
- Veterans Information System \$4,870
- Veteran Programs and Services Marketing \$22,706
- Veterans Resource Directory \$49,238
- Vietnam 50th Commemoration \$1,000
- VSO/NVA/JCF Annual Training Conference \$57,098
- Women Veterans' Program \$4,195

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